



Montana Clubs E-Mail Newsletter

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Keeping Montana Clubs informed & Involved



1. Special Drumming Ceremony

3. Amanda Old Crow, Northern Cheyenne YOY in 1998, honors Lane Spotted Elk with drumming song while Geri Small (at podium) the former CPO and recently elected President of the Northern Cheyenne Nation watches.



4. Benefits of YOY

5. Their faces say it all: FUN, new friends, self-confidence and skills that last a lifetime for our future leaders!



2008 YOY Winner Lane Spotted Elk

Youth of the Year - Developing Montana Leadership

Five future leaders experienced a day they will never forget. All five candidates proudly wore their new outfits thanks to Macy's and proved that Clubs really do change the lives of young people for the better. During a fine dinner on March 28 in Kalispell, over 50 people heard stories of how each youth overcame challenges with caring Club staff that supported them in their time of need.

This year's winner, Lane Spotted Elk from the Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation, told how he resisted partying with friends by telling them he was going to the Club. Lane was awarded a \$1,000 from Dan Hirning representing the Readers Digest Foundation and another \$1,000 from the Montana Area Council. Lane will compete at the regional YOY event in Houston, Texas on June 23-24.

Congratulations to the five 2008 Youth of the Year participants!

(L-R) Ashley Moore – Malmstrom Youth Programs

Jessica Hannon – Boys & Girls Club of Glacier Country

Jamie Nuesse – Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line-Malta Extension

Matthew Willoughby – Boys & Girls Club of Yellowstone County

Lane Spotted Elk – Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation

Thanks to the YOY judges: Jon Sonju-State Congressman, Ben Ruddy-First Interstate Bank and Colleen St-Pierre-Retired School Teacher.

Special thanks to John Oliphant, a great Master of Ceremonies and the Area Council Leadership of Dale Roo-Chair and Alan Sempf-Executive Secretary.



2009 Goal is 10 YOY

Learning Opportunities

7. • **BGCA National Conference**
8. Join us in San Francisco for the 102nd Impact 2012 - The Next Five Years Annual Conference visit the bgca.net conference link.
9. • **Southwest Leadership Conference**
10. Mark your calendar for August 20-23 in Richardson, Texas. Details to follow soon.
11. • **BGCLU Level 1: 2008 NEO**
12. All new CPO's mark your calendar for October 8-10, 2008 to attend the New Executive Orientation at the SW Regional Office in Richardson, Texas.
13. • **BGCLU Level 2: ALP**
14. The first SW Advanced Leadership Program will begin in July of 2008. Contact Mike Marnin for details.

Links To Great Tools

FREE HR SERVICES HOTLINE
800-358-2163

Annie E. Casey Foundation

This site provides valuable local, state and national data on youth.

http://www.kidscount.org/kc_signup.php

BGCA Operations Manual Online

Visit this site in bgca.net located in the upper

Montana Area Council and Alliance Highlights

30 Club staff/board volunteers from 6 Clubs participate in highly interactive dialogue and learning/teaching tables on critical issues facing Clubs. Thanks to the following table leaders: *Brian Dennis-Impact with Strategic Growth*, *Krista Solomon-Beyond Our Walls*, *MC KING John Oliphant-Public Trust* and *Jim Gumpert-Stronger Organizations*.

Mark your calendar for the fall event on October 16-18 in Lewistown.



Boni Braunbeck Service to Montana Alliance

Pat Angland, chair of the Montana Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, recognizes Boni Braunbeck for her five years of leading the Montana Alliance as chair. Boni was also instrumental in the formation and development of the Lewistown Club as board member and chair. Thank you Boni for your dedicated service to the youth of Montana!

Facts About Big Sky Country

- Montana Population - 930,000
- Fourth Largest State in America
- 145,000 Sq. Miles
- 550 Miles (East-West) X 250 Miles (North-South)
- 7 Native American Tribal Lands
- Cold - Lowest Recorded Air Temp. is -69
- Cows - 3 Cows/Person

MLB S.T.A.R. Awards

Here is your chance to recognize Club members ages 10-18 for their participation and achievement in sports, fitness and social recreation programming. Sponsored by Major League Baseball®, the MLB® S.T.A.R. Award recognizes Club members for their ability to demonstrate the positive behaviors of **S**portsmanship, **T**eam spirit, **A**chievement and **R**esponsibility.

Clubs may participate in this program by regularly recognizing youth who

right corner under "Worth A Click" for a great operation manual.

[http://www.bgca.net/services/operationsmanual/A Guide to the Operation of a Club.htm](http://www.bgca.net/services/operationsmanual/A%20Guide%20to%20the%20Operation%20of%20a%20Club.htm)

Fundrai\$ing Bank

The Fundrai\$ing Bank is a one-stop resource that provides uniform and comprehensive professional fundraising tools AND fundraising advice 24 hours a day, seven days a week located in [bgca.net](http://www.bgca.net) and fundraising in upper left corner of home page.

This document is also available at the Learning Network on [bgca.net](http://www.bgca.net) at <http://www.bgca.net/LearningNetwork/tips.aspx>.

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demonstrate MLB® S.T.A.R. characteristics. Each organization selects one outstanding youth who best embodies all of these characteristics. All organizational winners receive a beautiful MLB® S.T.A.R. Award trophy and become eligible for state, regional and national MLB® S.T.A.R. Award competition. Six deserving young people, one from each of BGCA's five regions and an overseas military site representative, will be selected as regional winners and invited to attend MLB's All-Star. One national winner will be invited to represent Boys & Girls Clubs at a World Series game in October and meet the MLB Commissioner.

The application/nomination form to qualify for state, regional and national competition is due May 1st. **Go to** http://www.bgca.net/Programs/Sports/MLB_STAR/Default.aspx for details or contact Lori Huggins McGary, Director, Sports, Fitness and Recreation, (404) 487-5980, lhmcgary@bgca.org.

Inspire Someone... Closing the Gift Competition

If you are planning on attending the Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Conference in San Francisco May 6-9 consider entering the Closing the Gift competition. **You could win airfare, lodging and registration fees to the 2009 National Conference in Atlanta.** Most importantly, this is a great opportunity to demonstrate your Club's skills in making personal face-to-face solicitations of donors for unrestricted contributions to your annual campaign. **For rules and to ENTER the competition copy and past this link to your internet header:**

<https://eventmanager.bgca.net/eventmanager/onlineregistration.asp?eventcode=RYW>